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SUBJECT: PRESERVING THE LOC CEASEFIRE

Classified By: Ambassador David C. Mulford. Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (U) This is an action request for SA. Please see paragraph 7.
2. (S) The LOC ceasefire is one of the most important achievements in the slow but steady Indo-Pak rapprochement process that began in mid
3. (S) Thus far, we see no indication that these two incidents were anything more than isolated cases. Senior GOI officials have played th
4. (C) These ceasefire breaches coincide with renewed speculation about a resumption of cross border terrorist infiltration. In a front pa
5. (S) Speaking January 24 with Polcouns, MEA Joint Secretary AK Singh (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran) indicated  
SIPDIS that he was not yet ready to blame Islamabad for the resumption of shelling. However, he argued that at the very least the Pakists  
Some Indian officials have speculated that the January 20 incident may have been caused by terrorists seeking to provoke India into retaliati  
Indian advocates of this line of thinking argue that the insurgents and hardline elements of the Pakistani armed forces want the ceasefire to
6. (S) Regardless of who is responsible, there should be no ambiguity regarding the view of the United States regarding ceasefire breaches  
as further evidence that Islamabad is in the process of loosening the reins on terrorist violence.
7. (S) Action recommendation: We urge the Department to issue a firm statement:
  - supporting the ceasefire;
  - reiterating our unequivocal opposition to cross border terrorist infiltration;
  - condemning the recent shelling, and;
  - reaffirming our support for the Composite Dialogue process.

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